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SEALANT USING A COMBINATION SEALANT/FLOW CONTROL
AGENT
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, line 20-28, please replace the last two paragraphs with the following paragraphs:

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In a preferred application, the sealant is shaped to form a pocket sealer 10 for use in sealing the holes in the body components of vehicles. Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate this use of the invention. Fig. 1 illustrates the shaped pocket sealer 10 comprised of the expandable sealant. Fig. 2 illustrates the pocket sealer 10 with the flow control coating on its surface after it has been secured to a cavity on the body of the vehicle and baked for 20 minutes at 325°F (163°C).

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Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate the improved flow control obtained by using the flow control agent of the present invention. Fig. 3 illustrates the sag 12 which occurs when the expandable sealant is heated without the use of a flow control agent. Fig. 4 illustrates the sag 14 which

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